

Montana AmeriCorps Programs

AmeriCorps*VISTA

Prevention Resource Center

The Prevention Resource Center, a prevention agency housed within the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, sponsors AmeriCorps*VISTA members throughout Montana. Currently, PRC has 15 VISTA's serving across the state, from recent college graduates to natives of Montana who were looking to make a difference in their communities. Each VISTA members work with communities through non-profit agencies that provide prevention programs in five areas: **youth substance use and violence, school drop, child abuse and teen pregnancy.**

Contact Information: <http://prevention.state.mt.us>.

Montana Legal Services

Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) is a non profit organization dedicated to providing free civil legal assistance to low-income Montana residents. It is the mission of MLSA to provide access to the justice system by delivering high quality civil legal assistance to the greatest number of low income Montanans in priority areas of law, as determined by clients and others in the community. MLSA currently has 17 AmeriCorps *VISTA members serving throughout the state of Montana. The members work together in assisting MLSA, its partner organizations and local communities, within the project areas of domestic abuse, creating sustainable asset development strategies, and developing legal resources to assist MLSA in providing free civil legal assistance for low-income Montanans.

Contact Information: www.mlsavista.org

Campus Compact

The Montana Campus Compact (MTCC) VISTA project is a statewide national service project working to make colleges and universities in Montana vital resources in community problem solving. MTCC VISTA's serve from Montana College campuses and work closely with community members to solve local problems in the areas of, child literacy, hunger, housing and health. Working closely with faculty members, students and community members, MTCC VISTAs help communities develop long-term solutions to Montana's poverty problems. Currently, the project has 25 full-time members.

www.mtcompact.org.

The **Communities In Action (CIA)** project, is recruiting at least 15 AmeriCorps*VISTA members for service in a variety of community programs. Administered by the Richland County Health Department in Sidney, Montana, the project incorporates a multi-faceted approach to creating healthy communities in the Eastern Montana, and Western North Dakota. CIA is building an infrastructure in response to the modern day needs of frontier life through identifying, developing, implementing, sustaining, and evaluating healthy approaches to community development.

www.richland.org/health.

AmeriCorps State

Conservation Corps

The Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) is a crew based program working to enhance the social and natural environment of Montana by providing AmeriCorps members with service opportunities in natural and human resource stewardship. The Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) goals address the needs of two of our most precious resources -- our young people and our environment. Valuable, meaningful projects ensure a setting where our crews will learn job skills, work habits and become knowledgeable about the environment. In an average year, 160 members work on natural resource projects that include: 130 miles of trail building and maintenance, 25 miles of fencing installed and 20 parks improved. Crews also perform a variety of service projects addressing community needs including: repairing senior citizen homes, distributing food to the needy and repairing buildings for non-profit agencies. MCC is a place where young people do good things, become good citizens and make our community a better place.

<http://www.montanaconservationcorps.com>

Technology Corps

The Montana Technology Corps is a University of Montana sponsored program working to close the digital divide in five Montana communities – Missoula, Dillon, Arlee, St. Ignatius, and Miles City. The program seeks to bridge the divide by providing K-12 children and parents who have limited access to technology with the opportunity to access computers and learn important technological skills. Currently, the Montana Technology Corps consists of approximately 16 members who serve full-time in sites throughout the state, including the cities/towns of Clinton, Bonner, Lolo, Missoula, Stevensville, Great Falls, Lewistown, Havre, Bozeman and Billings. Many of our members serve with children in rural K-8 public schools and community centers. We also have members serving in urban schools; teaching older children and adults; and working with youth in non-profit community centers (YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, Head Start, etc.).

<http://www2.umt.edu/dhc/oce/mtc/default.htm>

Literacy Support Corps

The mission of Western Montana Literacy Support Corps, a project of Family BASICS of WORD, Inc., is to bring together people of all ages and backgrounds to build networks of support, to offer information and skills for parents to partner with schools in educating their children and to promote healthy, nurturing home environments that support children's educational success. Each year, about 60 Literacy Support Corps members assist in the coordination of day-to-day operations of school-based Family Resource Centers. They also assist school staff by outreaching to parents and providing information and tools for parents to empower themselves in support of children's education.

http://www.wordinc.org/frc/about_member.htm

Campus Corps

Montana Campus Corps (MCC) is a program sponsored by The Montana Campus Compact (MTCC), a member of the National Campus Compact. MCC places approximately 80 members on campuses throughout Montana to engage other college and university students in community service by serving as a liaison between the campus and the community. In addition, members serve in leadership roles with the intent of fostering a deeper sense of responsibility and commitment at every level of the community. Through partnerships with community agencies, members generate real solutions to identified needs. Members coordinate a variety of service opportunities that focus primarily on tutoring and mentoring youth and providing advocacy and support to low-income adults, parents of school children performing below grade level, and abused/neglected children.

<http://www.mtcompact.org/>